

Academic Team Excels

The Academic Team was a collection of students who competed against other teams throughout the Cincinnati area. Basically, a team was made up of four students who competed against other teams. Questions were asked to both teams, and whoever buzzes first had the opportunity to answer the question. If the answer was correct, the team received one point. There was no penalty for incorrect answers. After a total of three rounds, whichever team had the most points won the match.

The questions asked related to four areas: English, math/science, current events, and general trivia. Junior Brian Dietrich said, "I like

being on the team. I've got a lot of facts in my head, and I might as well put them to good use. Besides, I think all of us joined just to pester Mr. Powell anyway."

However, Dietrich was quick to add, "The team gets no respect and no recognition during the season. Although we're supposed to be an alternative to sport teams, we still don't receive any points or letters for our participation."

The Academic Team, in only its second year, posted an impressive 5-2 record for the combined fall and winter season, and narrowly lost by two points in the post season tournament.

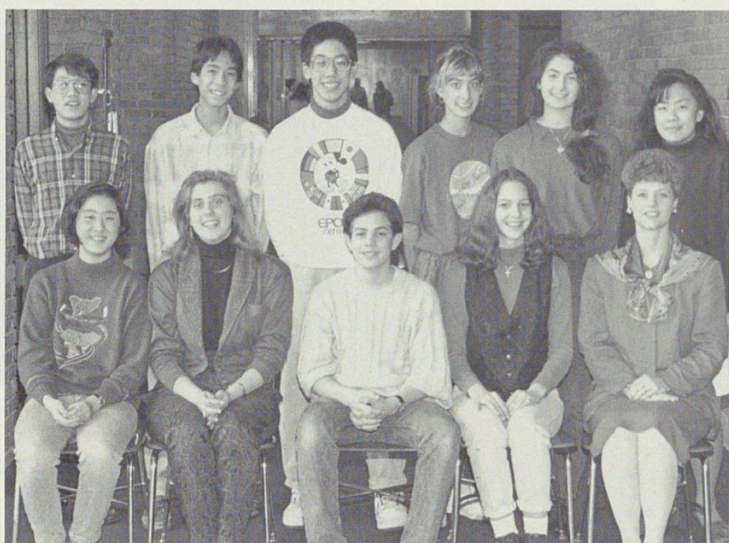
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Below: Joe Veysoglu and David Mortman answer a question while Edward Auyang listens closely.



Top: Academic Team: Row 1: K. Kelley, E. Zied, M. Steinke Row 2: D. Zakem, D. Groshoff Row 3: D. Mortman, E. Auyang, Coach Powell, B. Dietrich, J. Hume

Middle: Energy Task Force: Row 1: B. Monton, K. Kelley, T. Pace, A. Tanner, S. Moseley Row 2: E. Zied, D. Perlmutter, D. Mortman, C. Ho Row 3: B. Staph, J. Hume, B. Dietrich, R. Reiner, L. Sliger, Mrs. Ford



Above: Math Club: Row 1: C. Ho, S. Hassinger, E. Zied, L. Sliger, Mrs. Depoe Row 2: A. Cheung, M. Weng, Ed Auyang, M. Berman, R. Levy, J. Wu